

# THE CHILHOWEE ECHO

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## Matters Social.

Wednesday evening Misses Margaret and Annie Dee McClung entertained a few tables of friends in a very informal little game of cards, in compliment to Miss Walsh.

Friday night, at the Woman's Building, the Alumni German club gave their regular semi-monthly cotillion which is always so enjoyable. Mr. Thomas led, ably seconded by Miss Mary Louise McMullen.

Miss Mary Virginia Graves, of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting her cousin, Miss Annie Beach, West Main avenue. Miss Graves, though personally a stranger in our city, is by reputation well-known. She comes from a family famed throughout the south for its handsome daughters.

Knoxville friends have been very much shocked and grieved to hear of the accident to Mrs. Cooke, of Macon, Ga., sister of Mr. John Y. Johnston, who has endeavored herself to a large circle of acquaintances during her pleasantly remembered visits here. While Mrs. Cooke is still critically ill from her accident, having been thrown from her carriage, hopes of her recovery are entertained.

The ever popular Phil Peters and his popular-price show is billed for a week's engagement at Staub's opera house, beginning on Monday night with the comedy "Mugg's Landing." Mr. Peters and his charming wife, Nettie, made a most favorable impression on the theatre going public while filling their engagement at Chilhowee park last summer.

The many friends of Miss Alice Coffin will be interested to learn that her winter in Cincinnati is crowded full of congenial occupation with a goodly smattering of pleasure. Miss Coffin is teaching both vocal and instrumental music at the Misses Harbaugh's select school in Clifton. She is also singing in one of the large churches there, taking vocal music from Prof. Haley—by many considered the finest voice-culturer in this country—and instrumental music from Prof. Glover, besides training in the May Festival chorus, and playing golf and tennis. Her enjoyment of the grand opera presented by the Metropolitan Company the second week in November was unqualified.

Speaking of music reminds us of Miss Harris' exquisite singing. Miss Harris is from Mississippi, and is visiting Mrs. W. D. Wright. She gave several exquisite selections at Miss Temple's reception on last Saturday to Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Beard. Upon the same occasion Mrs. Walsh was induced to recite and charmed the guests by her chaste and beautiful style of elocution. She gave the old-time "Robert of Lincoln" exquisitely. Her mother's mantle seems to have fallen upon Miss Jeanie Walsh, who also recites charmingly.

Mrs. Walsh and her daughter will leave early next week for Mississippi, after a visit which has given pleasure to all those fortunate enough to meet them. One can but mention the very great talent Mrs. Walsh has bestowed upon her daughter, without, however, in the least impairing her own faculty in that line—parlor recitation. Many a room have they delighted in this charming manner while in Knoxville. Many affairs have been planned in their honor, and for Mrs. Frank Green of Nashville, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Matthew McClung. Mrs. McClung and Mrs. John Green both entertained very informally this week in compliment to the ladies just mentioned.

Mrs. W. O. Rhode is recently back for a visit only from her stay in New York, and Knoxville music lovers are rejoicing at the chance to enjoy her rich sympathetic voice. Knoxville never had a musician who was more unselfish and wholly generous than she with the rich gift nature has bestowed in abundant measure. Mrs. Rhode will soon return to the St. George Hotel, New York city, where she is studying vocal music under the most eminent instructor the city, or indeed the United States affords. As she pertinently remarks, "he is the present fad, but of course some one will supersede him in a year or two." At least she is wise to avail herself of the best talent to be had.

Knoxville always regrets the time for Judge and Mrs. W. D. Beard's departure. They will leave to-day for Nashville, where court convenes on Monday, the 11th. Mrs. Beard will visit Memphis shortly in the interest of the Tennessee Federation Women's Clubs, which meets there in April, at the invitation of the Women's Clubs. Mrs. Beard is absolutely untiring in club work, and her fount of enthusiastic interest is ever bubbling over into some wise suggestion or new effort for the establishment of industrial training in Tennessee. She feels, with many others, that in thorough education of all the

energies lies hope of ultimate permanent benefit to the masses. We bid her reluctantly adieu for another year.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Charles J. McClung opened her always hospitable home to welcome a number of friends to lunch in honor of Mrs. Green and Mrs. Walsh. The table was very dainty with large la France roses prettily drooping from a cut glass bowl in the center, while the corners of the board held gold candelabra with rose candles, and the bon bons, almonds, etc., were in gold dishes. The ices and cakes carried out the idea further in the delightful repast, which was served at two o'clock. Present were Mesdames McClung, E. S. McClung, John Williams, Herbert Hall, Jacob Thomas, Green, A. J. Albers, Lockett, Goodrich, Woodruff, Walsh and C. J. McClung.

Thursday, in compliment to Mrs. E. S. McClung's guests, Mrs. Walsh and Miss Jeanie Walsh, of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Herbert W. Hall entertained at lunch. The beautiful table with its brilliant decorations and lights presented a cheery contrast to the cold, crisp day without, the very color itself, red, extending a glowing welcome to the fortunate guests. Red satin gleamed from under the large lace centerpiece, while at each end of the table stood big silver candelabra holding numbers of candles—these being the only lights used in the room. Slender colonial candlesticks, with more red lights, stood guard over the crimson carnations drooping their heads against the maiden-hair fern. Dainty cherries, red mints, and rose-tinted water in the finger-bowls, floating single carnations, further beautified the table. The menu perfectly carried out the scheme; many dainty new dishes being introduced in this charming winter color. The invited guests were Mrs. and Miss Walsh, Mesdames E. S. McClung, A. P. Lockett, J. E. Borchers, J. B. Harrison, Chamberlain, Sanford, E. T. Sanford, Gettys, A. J. Albers, J. Y. Johnston and W. D. Beard.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. W. D. Wright entertained a number of her married friends at a delightful card party, the hours being from three to five. From eight until twelve that evening the younger people were introduced to the hostess' two charming guests, Misses Spears and Harris. Red was the dominating tinting at both these delightful affairs. Red cardles, pretty red roses and carnations brightened and added beauty to the already attractive home, while bright red cherries decorated the ices, mints, etc., thus carrying out the idea in the refreshments and the red heart score cards gave another touch of the attractive color. In the game of hearts seven ladies were so fortunate as to tie, Mrs. John L. Meek winning in the end a beautiful little gold desk clock, with its face surrounded by brilliant Mrs. Welker, as the most unfortunate player, was presented with a pretty candlestick and red candle. In the evening game of hearts a very novel idea was introduced of partners finding each other. One drawing a card marked "Romeo" played with "Juliet" naturally at a Shakespeare table. Again, "Punch" easily secured "Judy" as his assistant at another table—and so on—causing a great deal of pleasure and excitement until the "mating" was successfully accomplished. Miss Mary Wilson carried off the first prize, a beautiful brass candlestick of unique design, and Miss Eleanor Spence was given one of the new ebony combs, trimmed with silver, as consolation for bad luck. Mr. Chas. McTeer won the gentlemen's prize, a silver-mounted bar's tusk, in the form of a paper knife.

### Women's Press Club.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Dec. 7.—The opening session occurred Tuesday afternoon, the 5th, and the universal verdict was that a more delightful program had never been presented to any audience, or more brilliantly carried out. Beautiful Philharmonic Hall was the point of rendezvous. A unique point in connection with this meeting was the fact, that at five minutes before the time limit, adjournment occurred.

Gov. McMillan being ill, his place was very ably filled by Mr. Leland Rankin of the American. The response by Mrs. Flournoy Rivers of Pulaski was sparkling yet earnest, just as the personality of this gifted woman. Six more original ten minute talks, than those which followed, could not have been heard. Two of the speakers had, under the inspiration of the occasion, burst into poetry.

Mrs. Martha McCullough Williams, of New York, who was unable to attend sent a poem full of wit and clever hits at press women and men.

Dr. R. L. C. White, from all I hear, and see, very much like one of his sex in Knoxville, who is the regularly accredited friend of woman as a whole and unit, is I am told a complete encyclopedia of helpful and universal knowledge, always open to demand. His poem was a tantalizing, wholly delightful bit of rhyme. Tantalizing, because, he kept us wondering if he meant it all, the charming things he was saying, or if as the children say, it was all just "tend like," with a bit of sarcasm back of it. However, he lived

up to his professions (and opportunities with such thoroughness, we grant him the benefit of the doubt.

To some who knew "Alice MacGowan" only through her virile sketches and short stories of Texas life, it was a revelation of how much pleasure these comings together bring us, in acquaintance with close neighbors. Her address on "Woman's Limitations in Journalism" gave an outlet to much keen wit and humor that brought down the house. In fact it was the unanimous verdict that the whole program was full of scintillation and unusualness.

Miss Bloomstein Knoxville knows well, and therefore knows how fine a paper she presented on the "Woman's Page."

Mr. Baskette, of the Evening Banner, closed the program with a brief address in which, with the wisdom to be expected, he gave a little dash of salt to his remarks on woman in journalistic work. I say wisdom, because else all the praise and bright predictions might have turned our heads. He thinks, and he is right, there are two sides to the question of woman's unlimited field. Immediately succeeding the meeting, there was a charming Tea tendered by Misses Roberta Sewell and Ada Scott Rice, both prominent press women, in their studio in the Vauxhall. Here we made friends with each other, over the cup that cheers, and admired the unique nest these delightful young women have chosen and arranged with such artistic skill. At 8 p. m., the Philharmonic gave a musical in honor of the Press Club. Really this was an unusual occasion. The program presented one series of enjoyment. The stringed orchestra evolved from the brilliant talent of the Philharmonic Club was an astonishment. We have hardly heard more finished orchestra music. Here we enjoyed the lovely sympathetic tones of Miss Bettie Martin's rich voice, which seemed to have gained strength and sweetness, if that were possible since she charmed Knoxville last summer. Miss Vesey is a wonderful vocalist, intensely dramatic in voice and manner. She tells me she is anxious to sing in Knoxville during the next few weeks. It is hoped that an arrangement can be made to bring her. Music lovers have a rare treat in store. The Misses Woolwine, also on the program, are fine musicians, one on the violin, the other a rich contralto. Although the charming President, Mrs. Champion, grieved at the illness of two of her singers, it was an occasion to be remembered with unlimited delight.

Wednesday was a busy day. The business meeting (behind closed doors) at 9 a. m., from which we hurried to the Wednesday morning musicale, for you must know Nashville is the proud possessor of two Music Clubs. Mrs. J. W. Thomas is the capable president of this organization and has reason to take deep pride in its brilliant achievements. A recital by Mrs. Blondin, whose fame is not confined to her own city, was the treat offered, and thoroughly enjoyed. Again on the wing to a breakfast in the Tea Room, one of the established and necessary institutions here, at a table in the shape of a sort of Japanese T—were seated perhaps forty delighted press women—delighted because business was behind and pleasure they knew just ahead. The menu—imagine every good thing the mind of women could compass and her ingenuity secure, and you have it. And the Toasts—they were brilliant, witty, funny, lovely. Miss Bettie Garland, of poetic fame, did not forswear her art; and by the way, the way women (and men) who here break into poetry is rather breath-taking—Miss Garland gave us "Woman Now and Then," beginning with us and going back to the mother of us all, faults and virtues. Miss McGowan rose to "Whims and Whimsies, Fads and Fancies," and told us how she made them pay, and rose monstrous well to the occasion, finishing with a killing Texas poem. Mrs. Murrell, of Jackson, gave us a bright speech on the perversion of the pen to the demands of the public. Miss Ernie Noa, of Chattanooga, for "Woman's Sphere" offered us in a truly eloquent peroration, what do you suppose—Man.

We adjourned at 3 p. m. to a brilliant reception at the Tulane, given by Mrs. Benton McMillin. Mrs. McMillin is a wholly satisfying substitute for the Governor, who, however, was able to be present. Truly this has been two days of profit and pleasure, to carry with us many a day of remembrance. You may be interested to know that Knoxville will have the pleasure and honor of entertaining the Press Club next autumn.

At the meeting of the Woman's Building Board on Thursday, Mrs. Jos. Sneed was elected to fill Mrs. Rhea's place, while Mrs. R. Z. Roberts takes the place vacated by Mrs. Kennedy. Latest styles in Oval and Panel Photographs at BRAKEBILL & MCCOY'S. To examine is to buy at Galyon & Farrell's. Their stock is new, their prices right, and their workmen first-class. In New York horses are now dyed. When suitable for carriage work, save that they do not match in color, they are now chemically "blended" to the tint desired in a few minutes. Latest styles in Oval and Panel Photographs at BRAKEBILL & MCCOY'S.



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